



**La médiathèque
de la Canopée :
a pilot Library
for sustainable development
in the Parisian network**

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Paris' commitment for climate change

With the adoption in 2007 of the Paris Climate Plan, Paris has reduced by 25% greenhouse gas emissions and its polluting emissions by more than 50% through multilateral actions in all areas: mobility, housing, green spaces, food, solidarity, etc.

In line with the Paris Agreement, the Paris Climate Plan now aims to make Paris carbon neutral by 2050. By 2030, an operational action plan is being implemented with the objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50%, energy consumption by 35% and the use of 45% renewable energy.

Paris received the **United Nations Global Climate Award** in the Climate Leaders category at COP 26 in Glasgow, Scotland. The award recognizes Paris' transformative local actions.



As part of Paris climate Plan

500 measures in all fields : building, transport, energy, food, waste, living environment, mobilization, **culture**, finance, etc.

Launch of **Paris Académie du Climat** whose mission is to give young people the means to act for a carbon neutral, resilient and fairer city;

The Canopée library has been involved from the start in the City working groups.

Our initiatives are part of the City global action plan.



Paris culture office

- 68 **libraries**
- 96 **cult** buildings
- 5 000 days of **filming** per year
- **22 000 students** in music, danse, theater academies
- **750** cultural structures supported
- 20 millions digitalised images at the **Archives** of Paris
- **23 000** contemporary artworks

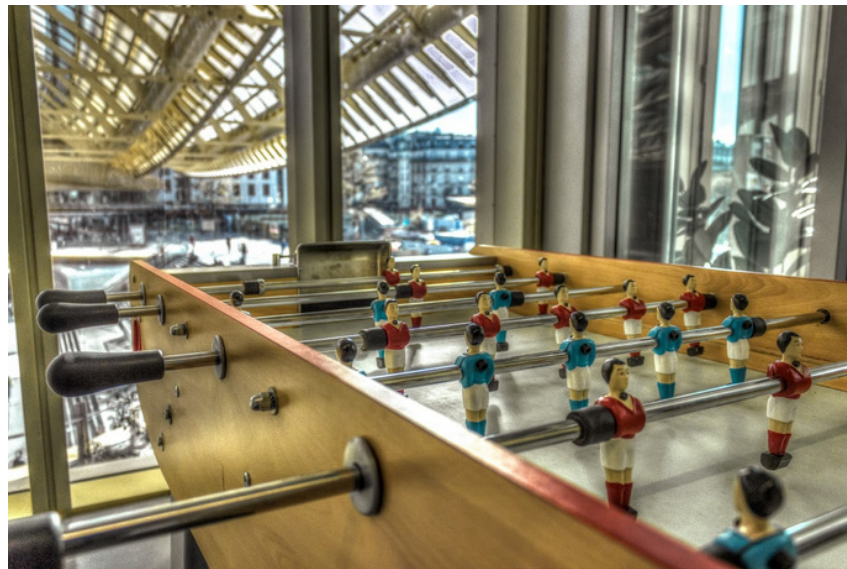


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The Canopée library : key facts

As part of the 68-library network of Paris, the Canopée library is dedicated to **urban and digital cultures** with a **special focus on the deaf public**.

Located in the center of Paris – in the new Les Halles district – the Canopée library opened six years ago in a **HEQ building** inside the Westfield-Les Halles mall. As one of the key Parisian traffic junction, it attracts over 750 000 persons / day.



- 1060 m² ; 45 500 documents
- 22 librarians and 10 students
- 262 554 books lent out in 2019-2020
- 211 193 entrances per year
- 84 000 euros for acquisitions and animations
- 6150 euros by Center Town Hall (animations, Games...)
- no specific budget for sustainability project



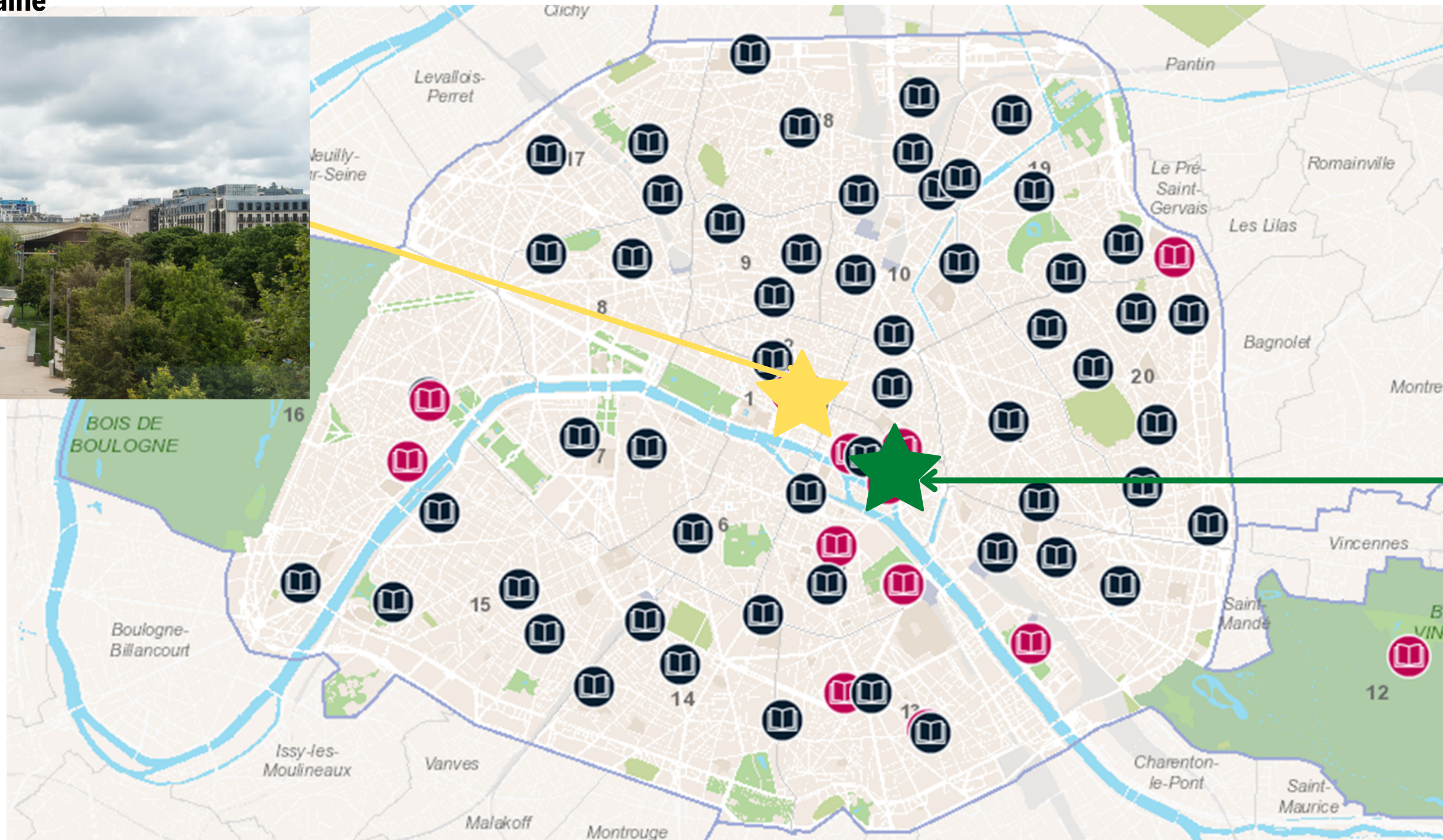
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The Canopée library in the center of Paris

Médiathèque Canopée la fontaine



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Paris Académie du Climat



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A pilot library for sustainable development in the Parisian network

Since 2019 the Canopée library has been at the forefront to conduct **circular economy** initiatives to lower its environmental impact through new professional practices and new services for the public :



- A committed cultural program, in collaboration with the recently launched **Paris Académie du Climat** : workshops on how to recycle, lectures, debates and urban walks, etc.
- Creation of a **label** "Ecologie" in our collections
- Launch of new **services** such as a map of "seed libraries", gardening
- **Library gardens** open to the public, etc.



Collections, services, and cultural program



Since 2018 the library had developed a collection of documents specializing in **Ecology**, and services such as a **seed library**, the « grainothèque », to enable the exchange of seeds amongst our patrons, a « bouturothèque » for the barter of cuttings, etc.

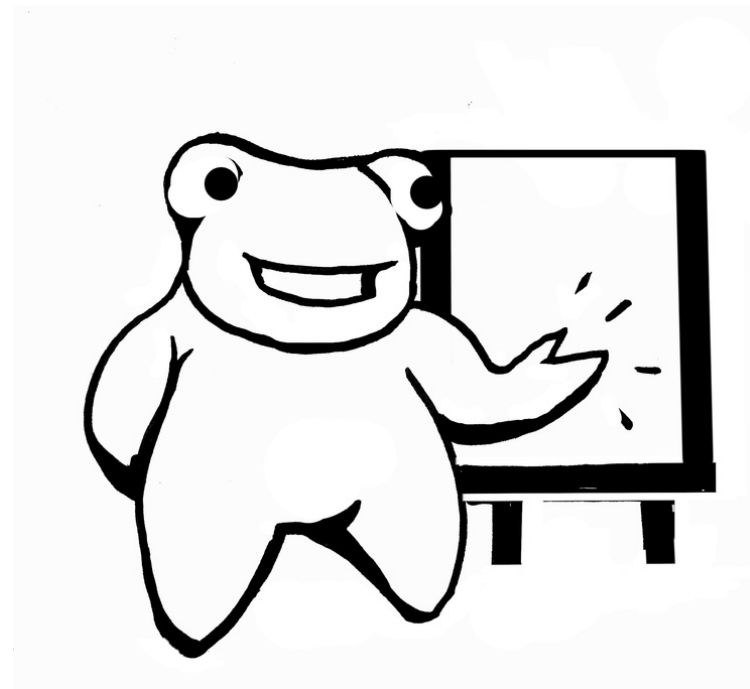
We are also involved in raising awareness amongst our library users, through our cultural program (workshops and conferences).



A "Green Library" working group

Launch and animation of a **cross-party working group** on "Green Library" gathering Parisian library network :

- to work on collection development,
- to imagine new services for and with our users,
- to share our own professional practices.

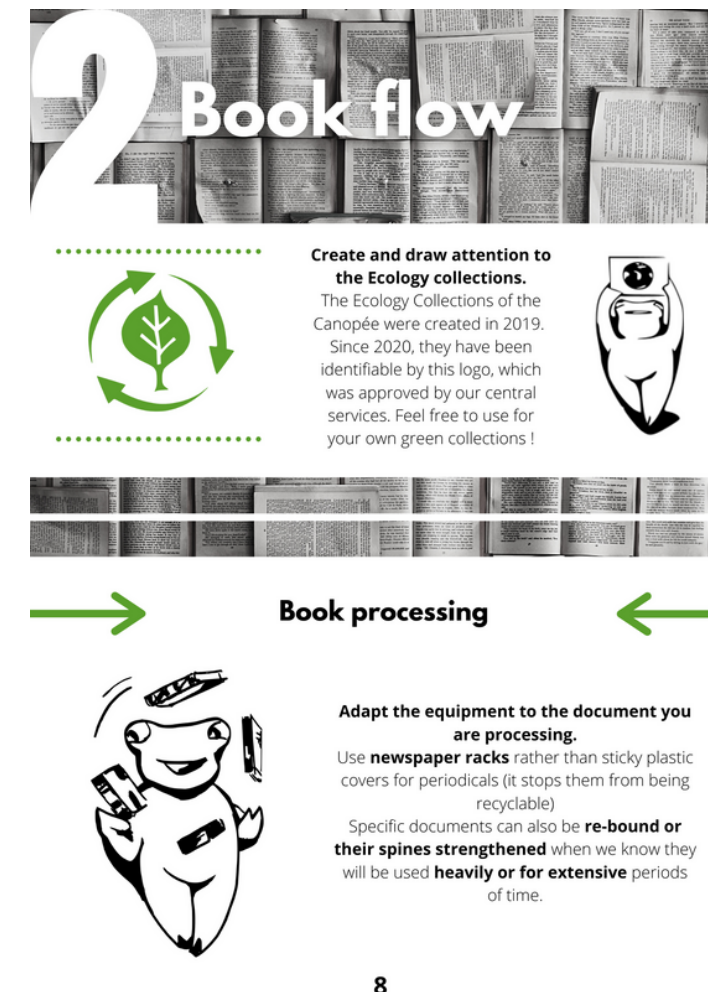


Make our professional practices evolve

We have released a Green library guide on eco-friendly procedures : office life, communication, the digital world, cultural programming, services to the public, and other ideas for tomorrow.

This Green library guide helps our colleagues implementing these issues.

We take part in many conferences and best practices on “green” developments in France and worldwide.



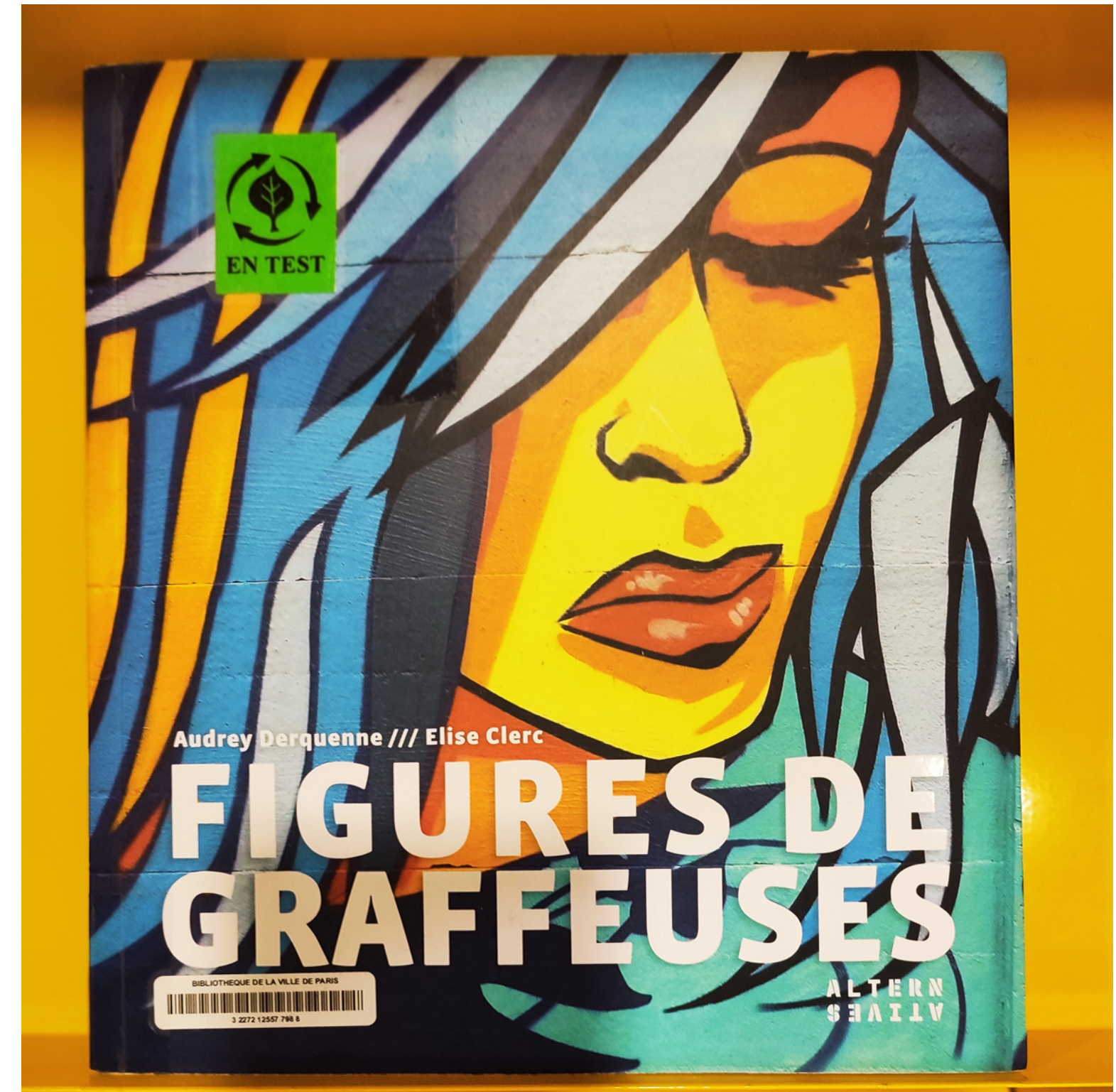
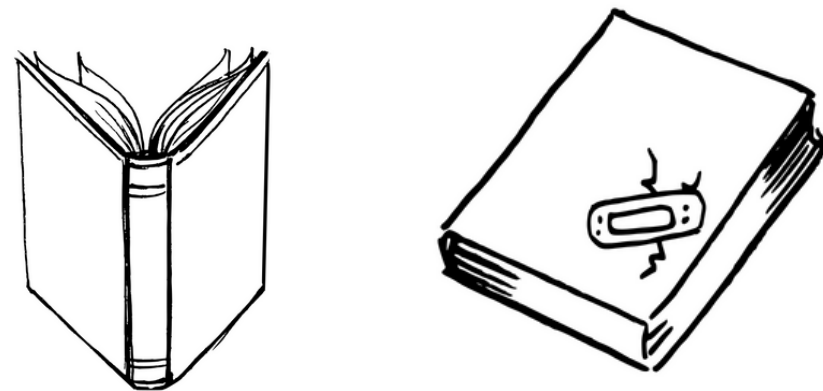
Evaluation of our environmental impact

- Resulting from the use of the building (energy, waste sorting) with the support of the City services, such as the Energy Ambassadors and Waste Sorting Ambassadors.
- Corresponding to our professional practices: office activity, book chain and circuit and digital practices.



Our action plan for better indicators

- The management of **daily waste**
- The **plastic covering of books** that can be borrowed from the library (18 months long pilot test to **reduce covering**)
- The network management of **weeded documents**



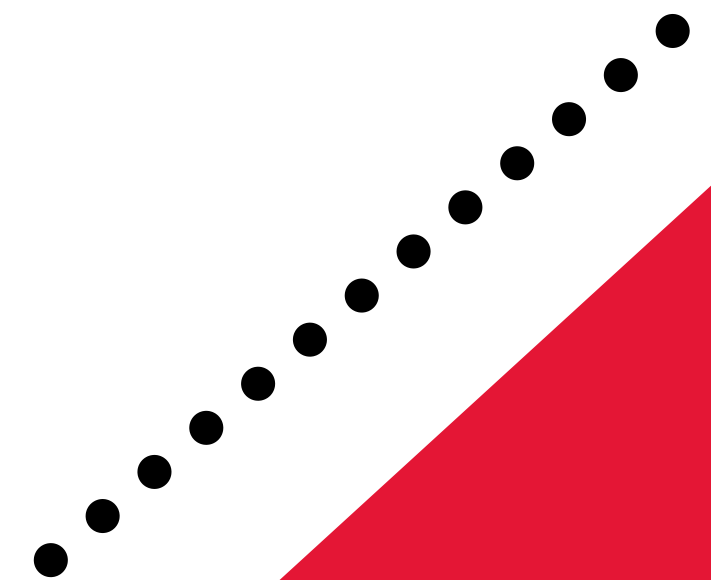
Book without plastic cover with specific
"In test" logo to inform the public



An environmental management system

Implementing an **Environmental Management System** (EMS) based upon the ISO 14000: 2015 standard, in order to reduce and control our environmental impact.

Implementing an EMS means demonstrating compliance with current and future legal and regulatory requirements, as well as strengthening the involvement of management and employees by setting strategic environmental goals.



Our initiatives fullfill the 2030 Agenda goals



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	





- Collecting and providing sanitary **protections**
- **Book swap stand**
- **Free** services for vulnerable people



Online Debate "**Writing poverty**"

Meeting with Stéphanie Chaillou,
author, and Bernard Lahire, sociologist"
- 2021



Debate with sociologists,
On **Poverty Day** - 2018



Weekly "Solidarity breakfasts" in
wintertime, in partnership with the
association La Chorba, the Salvation Army
Foundation and other cultural actors.





in partnership with the Syctom
and the Paris Anim center - 2020





Acting performance in French / French Sign Language about drug addictions 2021



Home delivery for elderly or disabled people, in collaboration with volunteers



Partnership with the Parisian hospital network





Conference about **language disorders** - 2021



Projection-debate with the documentary "The Power of **touch**" (Arte) - 2021



Evening debate about **incest** - 2021



Conference about **sleeping disorders** - 2018



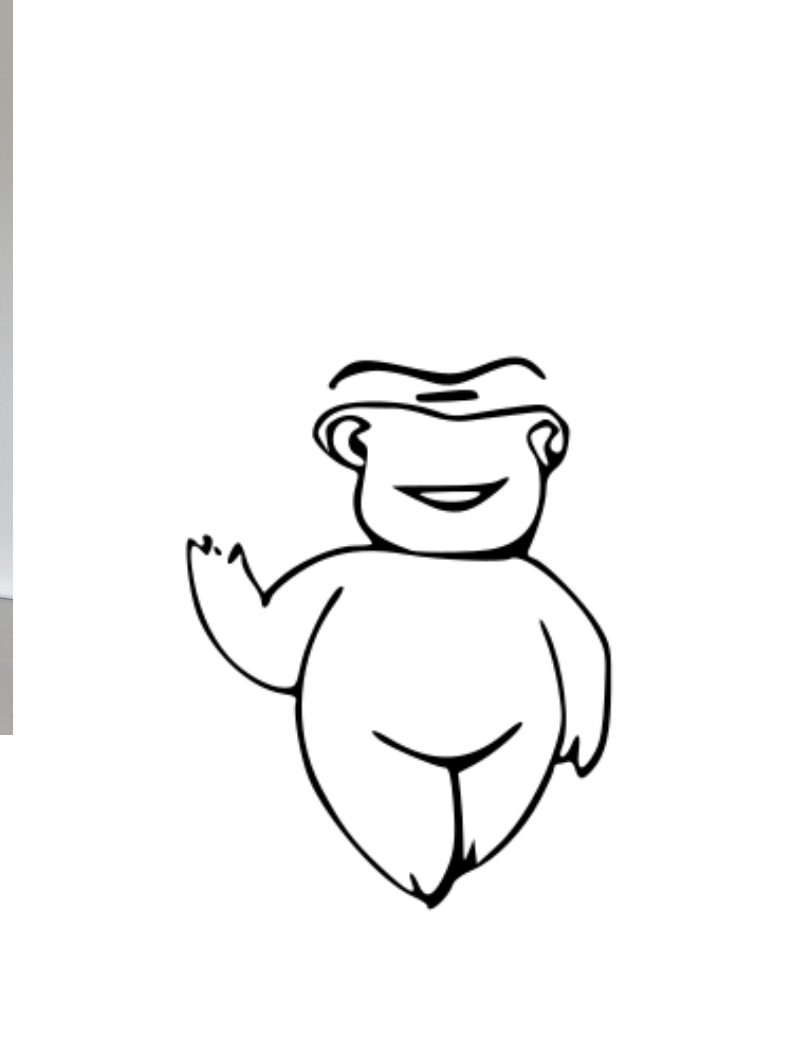
Our civic engagement actions :

Workshop cycles for school children and interns.

Professional visits.

Collaboration with the Parisian Youth Council since 2018.





Creative workshop
with le Musée en herbe -
2019

Workshop: creation of Robot
Numok festival - 2021



Africa Festival: Interview of
Senegalian rewarded author
Mbougarr Sarr ; live performance
of street-artist Mister Copy - 2021



An inclusive library for the deaf community:

Deaf or hearing people are part of our team. We are all practising the French sign language (FSL) to welcome deaf users. Specialized collections are available and all our events are accessible to this specific public.



Conversation workshop in FSL



International day of the Deaf - 2019

A library for all kind of users

- an "Easy to Read" collection
- large print books for the visually impaired
- remote access to the Paris digital library, with e-readers loans.



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Digital strategy

- digital workshops (French or French Sign Language);
- training workshop cycle on digital tools for elderly people
- conversation workshops French Foreign Language
- partnership with allophone classes, including isolated young people

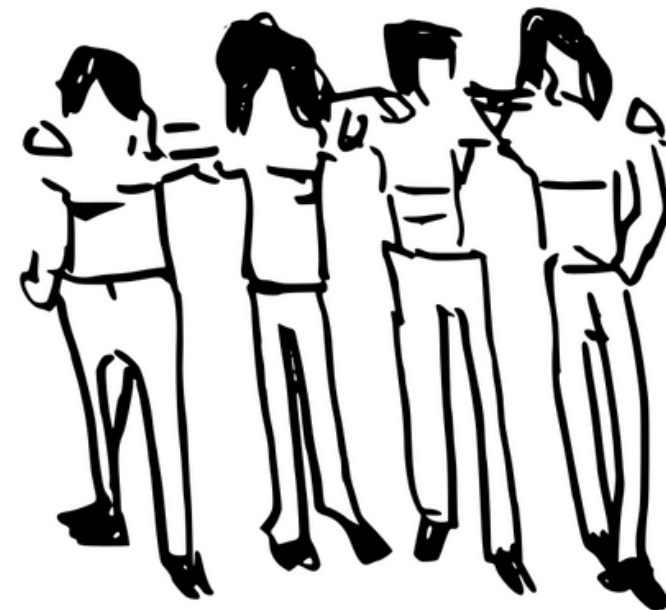


Gathering people together

- Community puzzle and game nights
- Barter of seeds and cuttings

Promoting urban sustainability

- Many actions in partnership with key French actors
- Bibliographies
- Urban tours: discovery of the local environment
- Partnerships with the community gardens nearby



Community puzzle



Readings about **Amsterdam,**
Copenhagen...





Debate on political involvement **for sustainable development** and criticisms from associations (Greenpeace...)



Meeting : **Climate fiction** - 2021



Garden "**Les 1001 feuilles**" - 2021

A public survey for the 2030 Agenda

Our public has chosen the following 3 goals of sustainable development:

1. Quality education for all and throughout life;
2. Good health and well-being at all ages;
3. Gender equality.



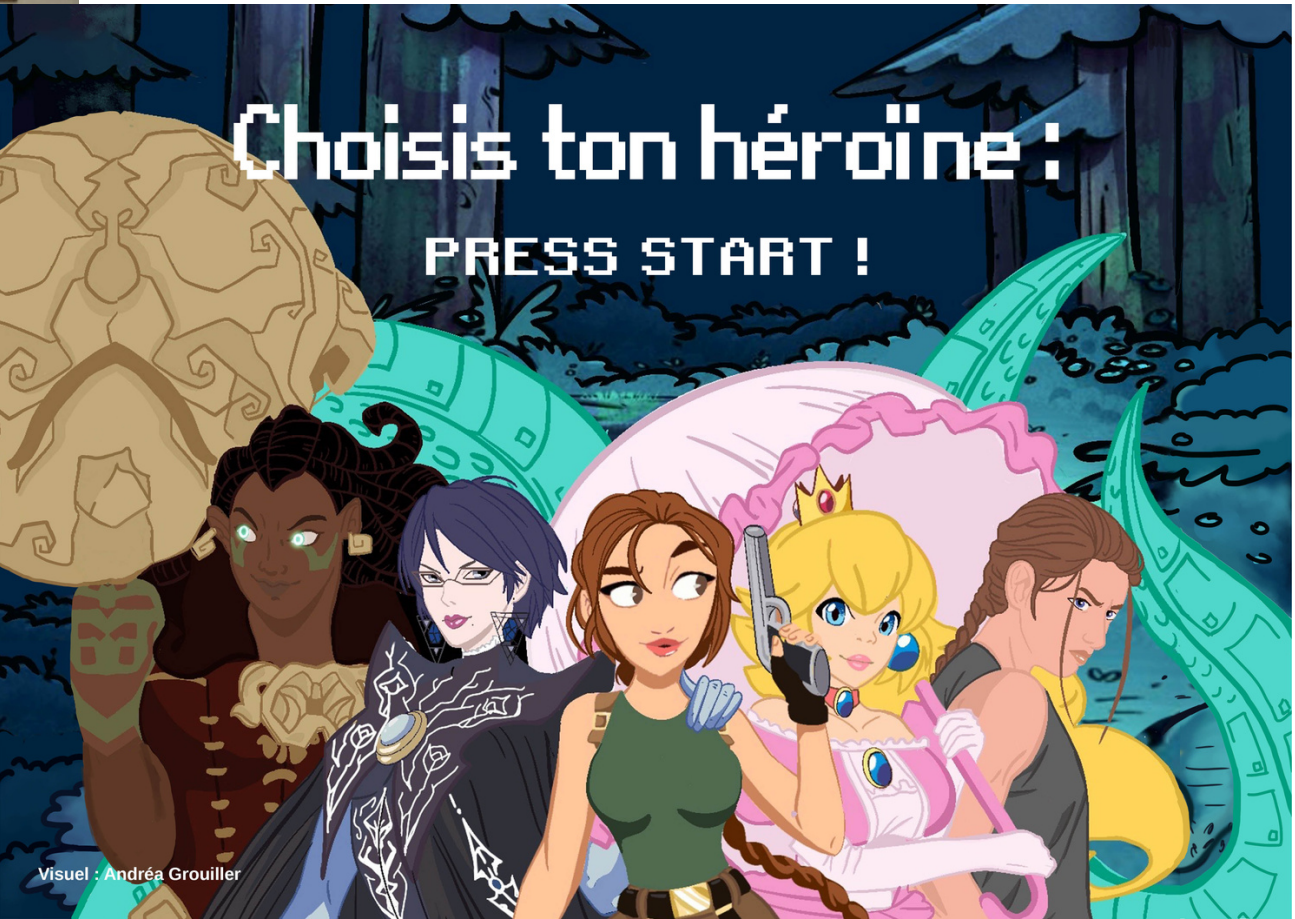
Theme included in the Canopée's School Hosting Catalogue



Conference **"Mai 68 and women"** - 2018



Theme day
"Women and videogames" - 2021





Debate on **female representation**
in **Game of Thrones** - 2019



Projection of short films of the 31st
international film festival of the lesbian
and feminist film of Paris





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